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Madrid, November 24.

ON the 19th Inſtant the Count de las Torres cauſed a new Opera to be performed at his own Expence, for the Entertainment of the King and Queen, in the Amphitheatre at the Buen Retiro; which Opera is to be performed again on the Arrival of the Princeſs of Aſturias, and afterwards will be brought upon the publick Stage here. The ſame Evening, before the Opera began, the Ladies of the Court kiſſed the Queen's Hand, that being the Saint's Day whoſe Name her Majeſty bears; on which Occaſion the Mourning for the late Dutcheſs of Tuſcany was laid aſide that Day. The Council of the Indies is directed to cauſe an Advice-Ship to be diſpatched by the 20th of next Month from Cadiz for Vera Cruz; which Ship is to carry Notice that the Flota for New Spain will be diſpatched early next Spring. It is adviſed from Cadiz, that ſeveral Bales of French Goods brought in thither by Dutch Ships had been publickly burnt, notwithſtanding the Merchants to whom they were conſigned, would have perſwaded the Magiſtrates that they had been manufactured within the Dominions of the States General, but had counterfeit Seals or Marks affixed to them, as if they had been wrought in France. On the 21ſt the Duke of St. Simon arrived here; the next Day he had a private Audience of their Catholick Majeſties; and To-Morrow he is to have his publick Audience. Their Catholick Majeſties, with thoſe of their Court whom they have nominated to attend them, deſigned to have gone to Burgos with the Infanta on her Way to France; but upon Advice that the Small-Pox is at this time very rife there, they now reſolve to go to Lerma, a Place belonging to the Duke del Infantado, five Leagues ſhort of Burgos; and the Day of their Departure is fixed to the 27th Inſtant.

Paris, Dec. 13. The Extract of the Advices relating to the Plague received by the Court from the Gevaudan, and communicated to the foreign Miniſters, is as follows.

The Duke de Roquelaure writes the 24th of November, that he had Advice from M. la Deveze of the 14th and 19th, that the Upper Gevaudan is in a good State of Health. He had cauſed a Tailour an Inhabitant of Mende who had eſcaped from thence to be ſhot dead. In Ville Rouſſet none had fallen ill within 40 Days paſt, nor at Chapginiez within 55. In St. Latyer de Peyre 145 Perſons had died. Richiniac, Valendo, and Chabalier had not had any Inhabitants taken ſick in ſeveral Days. Of the 120 Inhabitants of Chabalier, 24 were dead. At Mende two died on the 13th, one the 16th, four the 17th, and none from thence to the 19th. The five Villages or Hamlets in the Neighbourhood of Mende, which were infected, are well again. The Diſtemper has intirely ceaſed at Montrodat. Griſes in the Neighbourhood of Marvejols is much in the ſame Condition it was; at Marvejols one died on the 13th, three on the 14th, none on the 15th, 16th and 17th. The Sickneſs has ceaſed in the three Hamlets of the Pariſh of Allier, as alſo in thoſe within the Neighbourhood of la Canourgue; and of Cauſſe towards Rouergue, one Village of ſix Houſes excepted in the Pariſh of St. George where are ſome ſick and the Place is well blocked up. At Nuejols a Man died three Weeks ago, and a Girl on the 16th of November. There are 172 Pariſhes of the Dioceſs of Mende, which have not been at all infected. La Canourgue will be diſinfected the 20th. For eight Days paſt no Perſon has died or fallen ill at St. Paul la Coſte. On the 17th eight Perſons died at Alais in the Infirmary in the Suburbs: On the 18th a Man and a Child died there; on the 19th and 20th none died or fell ſick either in the Town or in the Suburbs, or in the Houſes of Quarantain.

Paris, Dec. 17. The Prince of Rohan ſet out Poſt the 12th Inſtant to overtake Mademoiſelle de Montpenſier, who was to arrive the 14th at Bourdeaux, where ſhe will reſt ſome Days. Mademoiſelle de Vantadour has wrote a Letter to the King from Poictiers to acquaint his Majeſty that the ſaid Princeſs and all her Retinue were in perfect Health: The Infanta of Spain will arrive about the 9th of next Month